



# EXTRA.

## 5:30 P.M.

### AN EVENING BLAZE.

The Occidental Hotel, Fourth and Christy Avenue.

Pat Conway, a Fireman, Falls from the Roof and is Fatally Injured.

At 4:30 this afternoon the Occidental Hotel at Fourth and Christy avenue was discovered to be on fire, and an alarm was turned on at box No. 31, Third and Washington avenue. The hotel is a four-story brick, kept by one Cattell.

THE FIRE ORIGINATED on the second floor, and was caused by an explosion of a coal oil lamp. The flames spread almost instantly to the roof and every portion of the rickety building. As soon as the Fire Department arrived on the grounds cries of "Help" were heard and afterwards four faces appeared at various windows. One woman and three men were

TAKEN OUT TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED, but not hurt. In the midst of the conflagration Chief Sexton sent his life-savers, the pomper, to all quarters. The fourth floor could not be covered completely and Pat Conway of the Pomper Corps made a rope fast to a chimney on the Christy avenue front in order to let himself down to the window shutters of the fourth floor, which were closed. The rope proved insecure, however, and parted just as the brave fireman was reaching to open a shutter. Down he shot like a flash to the ground.

AMID GROANS OF HORROR, among the vast crowd which had gathered: He landed on his feet and was badly injured, and it is thought fatally injured. The fire itself was not very destructive, but at this time (5 o'clock) it cannot be said whether all the borders were rescued, as any number of persons who labored at night at the Occidental, Chief Sexton says.

CONWAY HAS BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT ten years, and has served as bravely as any man. He was injured at the Filley Foundry fire, two years ago, nearly unto death. Pat Conway was Puelin O'Toole's old partner. At the Southern Hotel he distinguished himself as the companion of Mike Hester in the rescue of the servant girls at the southwest corner of the building. Pat was always modest, but his companions knew him to be the bravest of the brave.

#### THE BRAND OF CAIN.

A 14-Year-Old Boy Kills His Brother.

Frank James Arraigned for the Murder of Col. Sheets at Galatia—His Bail Bond Fixed at \$5,000—To-Day's Criminal Record.

Captured Murderers and Robbers. CLIFTON, ARIZONA, December 18.—A Deputy Sheriff and his posse to-day captured "Old Sam," alias "Red," and Willis, alias "Texas," the chiefs in the Bisbee murder and robbery.

REMAINDER OF THE GANG. LORDSBOROUGH, N. M., December 18.—The remaining three robbers were captured at Gage this afternoon. The whole gang will be sent to Tombstone.

PROSECUTE THE RIGHT MAN. COEUR D'ALENE, December 18.—N. W. Peters, Deputy Sheriff of Latah County, arrested a young man in this city this morning supposed to be the murderer of the blind man, Trimble, at Pioen, Kan., last Thursday. He gave his name as Hartford, but every description answers him to be the same as that of the man he is accused of having in his power. The Sheriff left with his posse for Pioen this morning.

THE Rose Keiser Inquest. NEW YORK, December 18.—At the coroner's inquest as to the death of Rose Keiser, shot in the front room of Geo. W. Dunn, at the Windsor Hotel, Thursday last, special Detective Schofield testified that all the circumstances went to show that it was a suicide. He heard that the witness heard Miss Keiser talking in Dunn's room in a loud and excited manner. She called him Dunn's "boiler" and he, in a rage, cut his knife in the right hand and cut his fingers in cutting a hedge. Have known him eight years.

BLOWN UP BOILERS. PITTSBURGH, PA., December 18.—Two boilers in D. P. Reighard's oil refinery on Fifty-first street, on the line of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, exploded at noon to-day with terrific force, scattering debris in all directions and injuring a number. West, it is believed are fatally hurt. One is still lying in a dangerous condition. The cause of the explosion is not known. The injuries are yet unknown, owing to the distance. Reports received at 1 o'clock are very meager.

LATER intelligence from the explosion states that six men were injured, two of them seriously. One of the injured men, a boy, was blown out of one boiler carried over 100 yards. Samuel Henderson and West Rouse were very seriously injured.

THE KILLED His Wife. PITTSBURGH, PA., December 18.—Samuel Brokken was arraigned for trial to-day on a charge of the murder of his wife in August last. He pleaded not guilty. Later he entered a plea of guilty in the second degree, and was sentenced to State's prison for life.

Attempted Suicide on Kirkwood. NEW YORK, December 18.—The Kirkwood Fire Department, in a fit of despondency on account of ill-health, attempted suicide yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by shooting himself with a revolver. The wound is not considered fatal.

Frank James goes to Court at Galatia. KIRKWOOD, Mo., December 18.—The Circuit Court at Galatia yesterday fixed the bail at \$5,000 in the case of Frank James for the murder of Sheets in 1869. The defense asked that the prisoner be remanded to his sureties in this county. The court took it under advisement, and the prisoner was returned to jail.

Chicago's Railway Post. CHICAGO, December 18.—An adjourned meeting of the Iowa railway pool, called to adjust their differences and determine whether the existence of the association should be further prolonged, was held at 11 o'clock this morning, with the representatives of the Burlington and Northern's eastern only putting in an appearance. A letter

was read from Mr. Cable of the Rock Island, stating his indisposition and inability to attend. The present adjournment was agreed to, and it was taken without action.

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**TEN PAGES.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1883.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

GRANDE-MÈRE, Bouquet—*"Bocage."*  
POPEYE—*"Matte Vieker—"* *"Jacques."*  
PROFESSOR—*"Robert McWade—"* *"Eip Van Winkle."*  
STANDARD—*"Madeline Wellesley—"* *"The Danites."*  
EDWARDS' THEATRE COMIQUE—*"Variety Olla."*  
FIFTH ST. DINE MUSEUM—10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

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had no idea that Washington society was so  
orthodox that it would strain at a gnat  
and swallow all the camels of the lobby.

WE do not wish to be suspected of any  
hostility or unfairness towards the Heat and  
Power Company. We recognize that it has  
already rendered valuable public service in  
compelling the Laclede Company to knock  
off about 40 per cent from the price of gas,  
and our appreciation of this service is not  
lessened by the reflection that it was not  
dictated wholly by philanthropy. If there  
is no other company on hand before the ex-  
piration of the St. Louis Gas Company's  
charter in 1890, we shall be very glad to sup-  
port a proposition to give the Heat and

Power Company a show. But we are quite  
confident that by that time the city of St.  
Louis will find it to its interest to go into the  
gas business for itself.

After a struggle of several years, and in  
the face of loud protests from property-own-  
ers, and at the end of several law-suits, the  
city has finally entered into a general and  
extensive street improvement system, at the  
expense of adjoining property. The cost  
will reach about \$2,000,000, taken out of the  
pockets of real estate owners. That it was a  
great burden on them no one will deny. One  
of their principal complaints was that streets  
were no sooner reconstructed than they were  
torn up, and never were and could not be  
repaired in their original condition. The  
city government has so often and so freely  
avowed its intention to make the new recon-  
struction in such a way as not to require or  
permit the tearing of them up, and it has added  
so much more expense to the manner  
of the reconstruction, in order that it should  
be permanent, that it is pledged to act in  
good faith and not to allow a wholesale dig-  
ging up of the streets.

Real estate pays the bulk of all our  
taxes. Its proprietors constitute a major-  
ity of our people, and acts of wanton  
tyranny over their property ought to be  
tolerated. The defacement of streets is a  
direct injury to the whole community.

THE GOULD system does not seem to bring  
about all those advantages which we prom-  
ised ourselves at consolations for the mo-  
nopoly.

THE thanks of the citizens of St. Louis  
are due to the morning papers for the zealous  
and intelligent interest they are taking in  
the freight question.

THE difference between St. Louis and Chi-  
cago on the railroad question is about this:  
that Chicago has competition to every point,  
while St. Louis has no competition to any  
point.

WE are still waiting for any information  
that will confirm the general belief in the  
existence of an institution called the Freight  
Bureau. If it exists at all, its existence is  
known only by faith.

THE water-gas people are trying to as-  
sume that the opposition to their franchise  
comes from the Laclede Company. The op-  
position of the Laclede Company is one feature  
of the case, but a more singular feature  
is the lack of opposition on the part of the  
St. Louis Gas Company.

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